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WHERE THE FUEHRER CAN BECOME A CRIMINAL. RUDOLF HESS HAS
NEVER FELT SORRY ABOUT HIS CRIMES. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR

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HIS FOLLOWERS. MAYBE IT IS A RIGHT TO THE SECOND REPUBLIC THAT ITS HEIRS REMAIN THERE WHERE THEY ARE IN STATISTICS - A TINY MINORITY."

B. CONSERVATIVE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (EDITORIAL BY FRIEDRICH KARL FROMME): "THE VICTORIOUS POWERS HAVE NOT ONLY ACTED NOT VERY HUMANE, BUT ALSO NOT VERY WISE IN RUDOLF HESS'S CASE. WAS IT NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE WESTERN POWERS...TO DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN THIS COMPARABLY HARMLESS CASE OF RUDOLF HESS AND RELEASE HIM FROM PRISON?.... APART FROM THAT, THERE IS THIS STRANGE BRITISH HESITANCE CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF THE HESS FILES AFTER HE FLEW TO ENGLAND IN 1941. WOULD IT BE A SHAME IF THE FILES CONTAINED A PEACE OFFER BY HESS BEING REGARDED AS NOT SUFFICIENT ACCORDING TO BRITON'S AND CHURCHILL'S STANDARDS? SO FAR, FORTUNATELY, HESS'S DEATH IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE DEATH OF A PITIFUL OLD MAN WHOSE LIFE EMBRACES HISTORICAL MEMORIES. BUT THE WESTERN POWERS HAVE DONE LITTLE THAT THIS WILL REMAIN SO."

C. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (EDITORIAL BY RODERICH REIFENRATH): "THOSE PEOPLE WILL USE THE SOVIET REJECTION TO RELEASE HESS AS EVIDENCE FOR THE INHUMANITY OF A COMMUNIST SYSTEM. PARTLY OPENLY AND PARTLY COVERTLY THE MORAL JUDGEMENT ON THIS ATTITUDE WILL BE USED TO OFFSET NAZI ATROCITIES. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE GRAVE IF ONCE AGAIN EMBARRASSING DISCUSSIONS DEVELOPED DISTRACTING ATTENTION FROM CRIMES GERMANS COMMITTED DURING THE TIMES OF THE 'THIRD EMPIRE.' THE PAST WILL ALWAYS BE THE CENTER OF CONTROVERSIES. ONE REASON IS THAT IT HAS NOT REALLY BEEN DIGESTED. IN SOME RESPECT IT IS TRUE THAT HESS HAD TO PAY DEARLY FOR ALL OTHER WAR CRIMINALS...BUT HE IS NOT THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE CREATION OF MYTHS GIVEN THE MILLIONS OF SOVIET PEOPLE KILLED IN WW II. HE IS NEITHER THE RIGHT PERSON TO PROVE THAT THE SOVIET UNION DISREGARDS HUMAN RIGHTS. THERE IS OTHER CLEARER EVIDENCE...."

D. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL WEEKLY DIE ZEIT OF HAMBURG (EDITORIAL BY ROBERT LEICHT): "THE DEATH OF THIS CRIMINALS WILL NOT BE A RELIEVE FOR US, THE HEIRS OF GERMAN SHAME AND DEFEAT. THIS IS PROVED BY THE JUDGEMENT AGAINST **KLAUS BARBIE** AND BY THE DEMYANYUK TRIAL IN JERUSALEM. THE SHADOWS OF HISTORY CERTAINLY BECOME LONGER, BUT THEY WILL HANG OVER OUR HEADS AS LONG AS MANKIND IS ABLE TO SEE."

E. LIBERAL PROTESTANT WEEKLY DEUTSCHES ALLGEMEINES SONNTAGSBLATT OF HAMBURG (EDITORIAL BY MANFRED REXIN): "IF THE WESTERN POWERS ALONE HAD TO DECIDE ON HESS'S FATE THEY WOULD HAVE RELEASED THE OLD MAN SOME TIME AGO. BUT THE SOVIET UNION REMAINED ADAMANT...."

"THOSE EVENTS WHICH WERE LAUNCHED IN JUNE OF 1941 COST THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 20 MILLION SOVIET CITIZENS, AND THOSE WHO WONDER WHY THE KREMLIN REACTED STRICTER AND MORE MERCILESS THAN U.S. PRESIDENTS AND BRITISH PRIME

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MINISTERS SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD TO SUFFER MORE THAN 30 TIMES AS MANY CASUALTIES AS THE TWO ANGLO-SAXON NATIONS."

B. DISARMAMENT

A. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL WEEKLY DIE ZEIT OF HAMBURG (EDITORIAL): "WHO CAN BLAME THE RUSSIANS FOR WANTING TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE BONN GOVERNMENT'S CONFUSION OVER THE DOUBLE ZERO SOLUTION.... NOW MOSCOW IS ACTING AS IF GERMAN STUBBORNESS IS THE ONLY REMAINING OBSTACLE TO A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER,

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